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Informal proposals by Belgium

The following options are proposed for the revision of the draft United Nations Declaration on Human Cloning (A/C.6/59/L.26, annex):

Option 1

Revise operative paragraph (a) to read:

"Member States are called upon to prohibit any attempts to create a human being through cloning processes and any research intended to achieve that aim".

Option 2

Revise operative paragraph (a) to read:

"Member States are called upon to prohibit all forms of cloning that are contrary to human dignity".

Option 3

- Add a new preambular paragraph reading:

"*Recognizing* that the use of human cloning techniques for therapeutic purposes has raised important and complex ethical questions on which there is at the present time no agreement at international level";

- Revise operative paragraph (a) to read:

"Member States are called upon to enact and implement legislation addressing all aspects of human cloning, including ethical questions raised by the use of human cloning techniques for therapeutic purposes";

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• Revise operative paragraph (c) to read:

"Member States are invited to consider establishing independent, multidisciplinary and pluralist committees on ethics in order to facilitate the implementation of paragraphs (a) and (b) above".